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SUBJECT: TELEPHONE REQUIREMENTS

REF: A. DAMASCUS 4352; B. STATE 263469; C. STATE 266692

1. POST WISHES TO REPLACE PRESENT ANTIQUATED TELEPHONE WIRING AT SAME TIME NEW PABX IS INSTALLED. TELEPHONE SURVEY BY CRO INDICATES APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS OF CABLE, 30 NEW INSTRUMENTS AND FOUR 1A2 KEY SYSTEMS NEEDED TO PROVIDE THE EMBASSY WITH THE TELEPHONE SERVICE IT SHOULD HAVE. THE FOUR KEY SYSTEMS WOULD BE INSTALLED IN THE CONSULAR, GSO AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS WHICH ARE IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS FROM THE CHANCERY. THE FOURTH KEY SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION WITH PROPER TELEPHONE SERVICE.

2. POST REALIZES BACKLOG EXISTS ON TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ORDERS, BUT BELIEVES THE OVERDUE UPDATING OF OUR PRESENT TELEPHONE SYSTEM PLUS THE CONSTANT EXPANSION OF THE EMBASSY STAFFING SHOULD PLACE DAMASCUS AT THE TOP OF THE TELEPHONE EQUIPMENT ORDERS LIST.

3. DAMASCUS AID OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO UTILIZE PRESENT EMBASSY PABX WHEN NEW PABX INSTALLATION COMPLETED IN DECEMBER. INSTALLATION OF OLD PABX COULD BE DONE BY LOCAL TELEPHONE

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TECHNICIAN. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION RELEASE OLD PABX

TO AID.

4. ESTIMATE COST OF 500 METERS OF CABLE TO BE \$400 PLUS
AIR FREIGHT. COST OF 1A2 KEY SYSTEM ESTIMATED TO BE
\$1,133 PLUS AIR FREIGHT.

5. PER REFTEL C \$2,000 WERE INCLUDED UNDER 2321 IN
POSTS PROGRAM FINANCIAL PLAN TO COVER INSTALLATION OF
PABX. ATTACHMENT TO INITIAL ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT DATED
SEPTEMBER 17, 1975 INDICATES THAT APPROVAL OF THE \$2,000
WAS TO BE DEFERRED. SINCE THE COST SHOULD BE A SHARED
EXPENSE REQUEST DEPARTMENT INCREASE SHARED ALLOTMENT BY
\$2,000 TO COVER COST OF ABOVE MATERIALS.
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